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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This amendment is timely filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 21, 2006. A Notice of Appeal is being filed concurrently.

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.